



Threat Protection System

Snort Engine Update 135

Release Summary

Release Date: 11-March-2008

Purpose: This update is SEU 135 for all models of the 3D Sensor version 4.7, the 4.7 and 4.6 series of the Defense Center and Intrusion Sensor version 4.6.

Note: All SEU packages are cumulative. The installation of prior SEU packages is not required before installing the current package.

Synopsis

The Nortel TPS Team is aware of multiple vulnerabilities affecting products from the Microsoft Corporation.

Details

Microsoft Security Bulletin (MS08-014):

Microsoft Excel suffers from multiple vulnerabilities, the most serious of which may allow a remote attacker to execute code on a vulnerable system.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified with GID 3, SIDs 13569 through 13571 and 13582. Additional rules to detect attacks targeting these vulnerabilities are also in this release and are identified with GID 1 and SIDs 13583 through 13585.

Microsoft Security Bulletin (MS08-015):

Microsoft Outlook does not correctly handle user-supplied input to mailto URIs. This may allow a remote attacker to execute code on an affected system.

A rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified with GID 3 and SID 13573.

Microsoft Security Bulletin (MS08-016):

Microsoft Office does not correctly handle malformed PowerPoint files. This may allow a remote attacker to execute code on an affected system.

A rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified with GID 3 and SID 13572.

Microsoft Security Bulletin (MS08-017):

Microsoft Office Web Components suffer from multiple vulnerabilities that may allow a remote attacker to execute code on an affected system.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified with GID 3 and SIDs 13574 through 13581. Additionally, previously released rules will also detect attempts to attack these vulnerabilities and are identified with GID 1 and SIDs 4170, 4177, 7870, 7871 and 13468.

WARNING: Nortel Threat Protection System customers must upgrade to 4.5.1 prior to applying this patch. Failure to upgrade will result in sensor failure when installing these rules.

Snort Engine Updates: In Threat Protection System v4.1, Snort Engine Updates (SEUs) replaced rule pack updates as the mechanism for updating Snort and Snort-based rules. In addition, SEUs can provide new and updated preprocessors and protocol decoders that aid in detecting intrusion attempts.

Note that SEUs can contain new binaries (in the form of shared object rules and new versions of Snort), so make sure that your process for installing new SEUs complies with your network and security policies.

Shared Object Rules: Shared object rules (SORs) are a new type of rule that allows the Nortel Threat Protection System Team more flexibility in detecting possible intrusions. SORs are delivered in SEUs in binary format as compared with the text rules (now called standard text rules or STRs) that were provided in previous rule packs.

You can view the rule documentation and create copies of shared object rules just as you could with standard text rules. However, you can only view and modify attributes such as the message or the source and destination ports and addresses in the rule header. You cannot view or modify the rule keywords section, including rule content keywords. Note that you can still create and modify your own standard text rules, and you can view, copy, and modify any of the legacy standard text rules.

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